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**Year Ended 31st December, 1963**



BOROUGH OF CONGLETON

REPORT ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE BOROUGH

for the

Year ended 31st December, 1963

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the Congleton Borough Council.

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report for the year 1963 on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Borough.

There has been a further increase in the estimated population of some 280 and this now stands at 17,300. There was an increase in the number of births which was almost balanced by an increase in the number of deaths.

An epidemic of Measles occurred during the year, there being some 270 cases notified compared with only 8 cases of Whooping Cough. All these latter cases occurred in children either not immunised or only incompletely protected. This does indicate the great value of immunisation in the prevention of disease and we are awaiting the production of a safe and effective vaccine against Measles. Already numerous field trials are under way in various parts of the world and it does seem likely that we shall not have to wait long before this disease too is effectively stamped out. It is satisfactory to report that no cases of Poliomyelitis occurred and as long as a high rate of immunisation is maintained there should be no recurrence.

Once again it is with pleasure that I have to report that there has been no maternal death despite the increased number of births.

One of the main problems in the field of environmental health which I have to deal with is the recommendation of the provision of suitable housing accommodation for those applicants claiming priority on medical grounds. The frank medical case is adequately dealt with by the Council's scheme of allocating, at the discretion of the Medical Officer, a certain number of houses each year. However, a large number of elderly people ask for interview in connection with bungalow accommodation. Many of these are already in Council houses which have become unmanageable as their families have grown and left them and they are too old to run three- and sometimes four-bedroomed houses. Indeed I know of several cases where the upstairs part of the house is seldom used or perhaps only one bedroom out of three occupied. It does seem a dreadful waste of housing space and if more bungalows were provided many Council houses would be available for general or slum clearance needs.

There is, too, the question of the infirm, elderly persons for whom the Flatlet and Warden Service is required. For some time now such a scheme has been under consideration, but progress towards its completion is very slow.

The new Offices and Shops Act will present the Council with a serious and urgent problem with reference to the accommodation of its own Staff. There is no doubt that a Local Authority should set a standard which should at least equal the minimum provisions as laid down in the Act. I am afraid that we in Congleton fall far short of this, and it really isn't fair to ask Staff to continue to work under these conditions much longer.

I should like to take this opportunity once more of tendering my sincere thanks to Mr. J. Mee, the Town Clerk, and his staff for their help and guidance, and to Mr. R. G. Whiston, the Chief Public Health Inspector, with whom I work most closely. To the Housing Officer, Mr. L. A. Watson, and the Engineer and Surveyor, Mr. A. B. Watson, I should also like to pay tribute, both of whom being so readily forthcoming when their assistance is required.

I beg to remain,  
Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1962.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population . . 17300 (17020)

#### BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate	290 (274)	159 (141)	131 (133)
	(Illegitimate	9 (9)	6 (4)	3 (5)
Still Births	(Legitimate	7 (3)	5 (1)	2 (2)
	(Illegitimate	1 (1)	1 (1)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid  
1963 - 17.2 (15.9)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the  
population - 18.2 (18)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (Live and Still) births -  
26 (13.9)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total (Live  
and Still) births - 17.3 (18.1)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population - .46 (.23)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total  
population - .31 (.33)

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	7 (4)	6 (3)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births - 23.4 (14.1)

Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales - 20.9 (21.4)

Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 24.1 (14.5)

Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births - 0 (0)



# DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	234 (214)	121 (95)	113 (119)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population -  
13.9 (13.4)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the  
population - 12.2 (11.9)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes  
within the district during the past year.

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	3	3	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	3	4
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	9	9	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	6	-	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	8	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	-
Diabetes	1	1	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	45	12	33
Coronary disease, angina	36	24	12
Hypertension with heart disease	5	5	-
Other heart diseases	21	4	17
Other circulatory disease	16	6	10
Influenza	-	-	-
Pneumonia	13	6	7
Bronchitis	24	21	3
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	15	8	7
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	-
All other accidents	3	2	1
Suicide	3	2	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	234	121	113



Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

No. of deaths

Puerperal Sepsis                      0    (0)  
Other maternal causes                0    (0)

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000    Live and  
Still births - 0 (0)

Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1950	1	1	-
1951	4	3	1
1952	4	4	-
1953	3	2	1
1954	5	4	1
1955	3	3	-
1956	8	6	2
1957	5	4	1
1958	6	6	-
1959	5	4	1
1960	6	5	1
1961	8	8	-
1962	7	6	1
1963	9	9	-

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows:-

Miss M.Corbishley, S.R.N.    S.C.M.    H.V. - Nursery Lane  
Clinic,  
Congleton.  
Tel.Con.2261

Miss D.Austin, S.R.N.    S.C.M.    Q.I.D.N.S.- Nursery Lane  
Clinic,  
Congleton.  
Tel.Con.2261

## Nursery Lane Clinic.

The outstanding landmark of the year was the opening up of the new clinic premises in Nursery Lane. This is a splendid purpose built structure which should fulfill the needs of Congleton for many generations. In addition to the Infant Welfare Service there is an Ante-Natal Clinic attended by a Consultant, special clinics for dealing with eye and ear, nose and throat defects and a child guidance service to deal with the behaviour and emotional problems of children. There is also provision made for dealing with speech defects and sessions for assessing the hearing abilities of babies between 7 to 9 months. There is also in attendance a Teacher to handle the education of deaf children.

We have acquired a sound film projector unit which is very much used and helps us to develop our Health Education Programmes. Attendances have been well maintained and in the case of the Infant Welfare Section have increased for children below one year.

### Statistics

Mother's Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	55 (48)	213 (254)	45 (49)
Dental			
Pre-natal	6 (4)	11 (12)	
Nursing Mothers	7 (13)	23 (51)	
Dentures supplied	3 (10)		

Infant Welfare

New Cases			Total Attendances			No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2	2-5			
259 (228)	- (-)	- (-)	3238 (2909)	290 (408)	95 (256)	48 (50)	779 (1354)	16.2 (27)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	4 (3)	29 (26)	20 (18)	1.4 (1.4)
E.N.T.Clinic	2 (9)	11 (12)	10 (12)	1.1 (1)

Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	31 (82)	358 (298)	20. (18)	17.9 (16.9)
E.N.T.Clinic	20 (53)	90 (136)	10. (12)	9 (11.1)

Welfare Foods Sold - 1963

Distribution Centre	National	Dried Milk	A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F.Cream	H.Cream			
Nursery Lane Clinic and Divisional Medical Office	2447 (2946)	75 (139)	677 (658)	365 (289)	4281 (2981)

### DAY NURSERY

We have in Congleton one of the most successful and best used Day Nurseries in the County. In addition to catering for the children of those mothers who must go out to work, and who receive priority, places are found for the children of key workers. In this Town which employs such a large percentage of female labour, it is essential that at least one Day Nursery is maintained. It is also found that the Day Nursery provides a vital service in connection with a certain number of children where a social or domestic problem is present.

#### Day Nursery - Attendances, 1963

	<u>Average No. Attending</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
0-2 years	12 (11.7)	2903 (2892)
2-5 years	29.5 (29.5)	7087 (7270)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %
76 (87.1)	86.7 (89.7)	82.3 (79)	91.6 (96)	87.9 (95.9)	68.8 (99.2)

July %	Aug. %	Sep. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1963 %
83.6 (75)	82.8 (80.4)	91 (93.8)	96.6 (100)	80.2 (89.5)	93.3 (93.5)	85.1 (89.9)

### Midwifery

The Midwife employed by the Cheshire County Council is:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
D.H.Wright,	"Ewanrigg", Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Con.3240

In addition, Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

Births - 1963

Hospital		Home		Private N Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
240	5	75	2	1	-
(234)	(4)	(61)	(2)	(-)	(-)

Once again it is satisfactory to report that with an increase in the number of births there have been no maternal deaths

Home Nursing.

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No</u>
M S Bowman,	4, High Lowe Avenue, Buglawton, Congleton.	Con 3444
B Clinch.	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Con 2104

The Home Nurses work in close co-operation with the Family Doctors and give a high level of service. With the increasing difficulty of getting patients into hospital, particularly old people, more and more work is falling on to their shoulders. To meet the call a considerable amount of nursing equipment of every kind is used and when required, which is frequent, domestic help is provided

Meals on Wheels

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W V S to old people who have been moved into bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs Nichols and all her loyal band of W V S workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service.

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Vaccination and Immunisation - Statistics.

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	-	(4)
School children	-	(5)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(9)</u>

Re-inforcing injections	-	(22)
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Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	1	(4)
School children	-	(-)
	<u>1</u>	<u>(4)</u>

Re-inforcing injections	-	(-)
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Tetanus Immunisation

Pre-School	-
School	1

Re-inforcing injections	-
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus).

Pre-school children	270	(227)
School children	<u>26</u>	<u>(48)</u>
	<u>296</u>	<u>(275)</u>

Re-inforcing injections	17	(19)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	-	(1)
School children	-	(6)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(7)</u>

Re-inforcing injections	-	(1)
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Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus)

Pre-school children	-	(1)
School children	-	(8)
	-	(9)

Re-inforcing injections      2      (39)

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	36	(224)
School children	11	(176)
Adults	28	(300)
	75	(700)

Re-vaccination                      23      (645)

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

It is not possible to separate the figures in respect of each County District and the table below shows the figures for the whole of South-East Cheshire.

	Salk Vaccine				Oral Vaccine			
	1st Injection	2nd Injection	3rd Injection	4th Injection	1st Dose	2nd Dose	3rd Dose	Reinforcing Dose after salk vaccine.
Children born in 1963	1	1			121	121	135	
Children born in 1962	18	15			575	577	920	
Children born in 1961	21	15			163	164	220	
Children and Young Persons born in 1943 - 1960	57	43			332	404	882	
Persons born in 1933 - 1942	31	22			141	139	244	
Others	42	26			332	346	527	
Totals	170	122	123	5	1664	1751	2928	216



Domestic Help Service

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1963

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	38	(33)
Casual	6	(4)
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	44	(37)
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Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1963

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	27	(25)
Casual	1	(1)
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	28	(26)
	<hr/>	<hr/>

Applications received during 1963

Confinement	4	(2)
Sickness	14	(8)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	22	(19)
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	40	(29)
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Cases attended during 1963

Confinement	3	(3)
Sickness	23	(16)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged & Infirm	62	(57)
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	88	(76)
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## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I am indebted to Mr. A. B. Watson, Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for the following information.

### Drainage and Sewerage

Considerable private development is continuing, principally in the West Heath area of the town, but also to a lesser extent in Lower Heath (Dane Bank Estate and Tidnock Avenue) and Buglawton, this development requiring the attendant extension to the present sewerage system.

### Public Cleansing

A total of approximately 6,100 tons of house refuse has been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year. Additional land has now been acquired for tipping purposes and is at present being drained prior to commencement of tipping. A Bristol bulldozer has been purchased for use on the tip for the levelling of refuse and covering material.

### Salvage

A total of 77 tons of waste paper was collected for disposal during the year, at the total value of £579.

### Housing

Number of Council Houses completed in 1963:-

Houses	- (-)
Single Persons Flats	- (-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	- (-)
Shops	- (-)
1-Bedroom type bungalows	6 (-)

Private houses completed in 1963 48 (89)

Number of applicants on the waiting list at 31st December, 1963 (excluding applications for aged persons' bungalows) 432 (484)

Number of visits re housing applications by Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector 63 (31)

## PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)  
during the year, 1963

Disease	Age Distribution													Total	Cases Admitted to Hospital
	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & Over			
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	-	5	-	
Measles	10	23	34	42	49	110	1	-	1	-	-	-	270	-	
Pneumonia	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	3	5	13	1	
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
Whooping Cough	1	1	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1963 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1954.

## Notifications - 1954 to 1963

	1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<b>MALE</b> Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5		2																		
5 - 15	2	1																1		
15 - 25			5											1						
25 - 35	1		1	1		1				1										
35 - 45			1			3		1						1						
45 - 55			3		4	2		2				1					1	1		
55 - 65	1		1		2	2						1				1		2		
65 & Over			1		1							1		1						
<b>FEMALE</b> Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5			1																	
5 - 15		1																2		
15 - 25	1		1		2		3	1	1			1		1	1					
25 - 35	1		2			1		1						1				1		
35 - 45			2		1	1								1						
45 - 55		1	2		1	1														
55 - 65			1			1				1										
65 & Over										1	1	1								

DEATHS - 1954/1963.

	1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961		1962		1963	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<b>MALE</b>																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35					1															
35 - 45	1																			
45 - 55					2														1	2
55 - 65			1				1										1		2	
65 & Over	1		1		3			1									1			
<b>FEMALE</b>																				
Up to 1 Year																				
1 - 5				1																
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35																				
35 - 45			1				1													
45 - 55																	1			
55 - 65																				
65 & Over											1									
Total	2	-	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	3	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register  
at 31st December, 1963, were as  
follows:-

	Up to 1 Yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	1	4	4	11	7	15	8	50
Female Pulmonary	-	-	3	6	13	11	6	7	5	51
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	4	4	4	2	6	1	-	21
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	5	2	-	1	3	4	15

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department, and have been compiled by Mr.R.G.Whiston.

A new pupil Public Health Inspector was appointed in March and commenced his training for the Diploma of the Public Health Inspectors Education Board in September at the Royal Technical College, Salford.

In accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government circular 42/62, a survey of certain properties in the Borough was carried out and letters sent to owners encouraging them to provide, with the aid of Improvement Grants, additional amenities at houses which were lacking them. Unfortunately the response was very poor and the Council decided to take no further action.

The Health Committee again discussed the possibility of embarking on the setting up of Smoke Control Areas, and a report on the possible cost was considered. It was decided that the question be left in abeyance for a year.

All animals slaughtered for human consumption were inspected as formerly, and the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, came into force in October, making this obligatory on all Local Authorities and also requiring inspected carcasses to be stamped. The Council adopted a scale of charges for this service in accordance with the maximum rates permitted.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Complaints. During the year 88 complaints were received and investigated; 13 of these were unfounded.

16 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters, and were referred to the Departments concerned.

Nuisances. Following complaints, and as a result of routine survey, 82 houses were inspected, a total of 78 nuisances found and 58 informal notices issued. 167 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 72 nuisances found to be abated. 58 informal notices were complied with. 2 formal notices were served and both were complied with.

Drainage. The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 236 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.



Water Supply. Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the towns systems of supply, and also during the season from the Swimming Baths and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Chester for Bacteriological Examination. The reports on the samples submitted gave satisfactory results.

On survey it was found that all, except 27 (80 occupants) of the houses in the Borough have piped water inside the houses from public water mains.

Disinfestation. The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council Houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 11 inspections have been carried out but no treatments were found to be necessary.

Infectious Disease and Disinfestation.

The incidence of notifiable diseases was extremely low, so that very little work of investigation and disinfection was necessary.

Caravans. The site for which permission was granted in 1961 was not completed. One further application for a site licence was received by the Council and refused, the owner has appealed and the result was awaited at the end of the year.

Noise Abatement. Very few complaints of Noise were received. In one case a nuisance was caused by the ringing of a fire-alarm bell on the outside of a factory during the night. This was found to be due to a fault in the mechanism and was remedied by the necessary adjustment.

Public Mortuary. This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 28 admissions.

Clean Air Act, 1956. Consideration was given by the Council to the possibility of applying Smoke Control Areas in the Borough. An estimate of the possible cost of this was prepared and on consideration it was decided that the matter be left in abeyance for a year. Generally speaking, the industrial chimneys in the Borough operated well within the limits allowed under the Act and in many cases operated virtually smokelessly.

Housing Acts, 1957-1961.

89 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Acts and 357 revisits made. 44 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 2 areas completely cleared.

2 houses were subjected to Closing Orders and 2 Individual houses were demolished as a result of Demolition Orders.

3 Clearance Areas comprising a total of 30 houses were represented to the Council and Compulsory Purchase Orders made. 2 Closing Orders and 1 Demolition Order were made on Individual Unfit houses.

Orders in respect of 3 Clearance Areas, comprising 28 houses were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Improvement Grants.

38 applications for Standard Grants and 5 for Discretionary Grants were received and approved.

Following Circular 42/62 from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government surveys were carried out in the Park Road and Wagg Street/Waggs Road areas and letters sent to the owners of properties, where it was considered appropriate, requesting the provision of amenities such as bath, wash-hand basin, hot water and inside W.C. where they were lacking. Details are set out in tabular form below:-

No. of houses surveyed	172
No. without one or more of the Standard Grant Grant Amenities	56
No. where provision seemed impracticable (Old Age Pensioners, insufficient space, etc.)	26
No. of houses where it was requested that amenities be provided	30

As a result of the 30 requests only 3 applications were received, all from owner/occupied houses. On consideration the Council decided not to continue with further schemes.



Rent Act, 1957.

Certificates of Disrepair.

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received and issued.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

223 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 92 contraventions were found and 25 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 98 contraventions had been abated, and 26 notices complied with.

Ice-Cream.

There are 11 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

91 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

7 inspections have been made.

Preserved Food.

35 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 20 inspections of these premises were carried out.

Slaughterhouses.

The two slaughterhouses in the Borough were re-licensed for a further year. However, the occupiers of one of them notified their intention to cease using the premises for a period of six months from September.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were made in July and came into operation on October 1st, replacing the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924. They are intended to provide the means to give effect to the Government's long standing intention to ensure that all home killed meat is inspected before it leaves the Slaughterhouse and to that end it is made a duty of Local Authorities to see that this is carried out, whereas formerly this was not an obligation. In Congleton this is done now and has been for many years.

Arrangements were made for carcasses passed as fit for human consumption to be marked in accordance with the Regulations and the maximum permitted charge for inspection was laid down by the Council.

Bovine Animals	-	2/6d.
Calves & Pigs	-	9d.
Sheep & Lambs	-	6d.

All meat and offal condemned is placed in the receptacles provided, stained with naphthalene green and removed on the Council's behalf by Messrs. Beesons Bros. of Crewe.

#### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

27 Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed.

#### Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960.

Registered are 8 Dairies and 66 Distributors.

6 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

#### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council has one full-time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

25 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

#### Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 800 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

#### Shops Act, 1950.

115 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.

Factory Act, 1961.

60 inspections have been made. 13 contraventions were found, and 105 contraventions, some of which were noted in 1962, were remedied.

Outworkers.

No lists of outworkers were submitted from factories in the area.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections

	<u>No.of Visits</u>
<u>General</u>	
Water Supply	76
Drainage	236
Stables and Piggeries	5
Caravans	24
Factories	60
Rats and Mice	25
Shops Act	115
Miscellaneous Visits	302
Interviewing and Appointments	290
Atmospheric Pollution	53
Swimming Baths	1
Pet Shops	1
Schools	1
Noise Abatement	15
Hairdressers	5
Farms	2
Refuse Disposal	4
<u>Housing - Under Public Health Act.</u>	
No. of Houses inspected	82
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	167
<u>Under Housing Acts.</u>	
No. of Houses inspected	89
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	357
<u>Verminous Premises.</u>	
No. of inspections	11
Found verminous and disinfested	Nil

No. of Visits

Miscellaneous Housing Visits	190
Improvement Grants	152
Infectious Disease	4
Visits re Disinfection	4
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	30

Food Premises and Food Inspection

Visits to Slaughterhouses	320
Butchers	49
Fishmongers and Poulterers	5
Grocers	78
Dairies and Milkshops	6
Ice-cream premises	7
Food preparing premises	20
Bakehouses	52
Restaurants	19
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	13
Licensed Premises	13
Miscellaneous Food Visits	4
Factory Canteens	4
Vehicles	7
Total Visits	<u>2898</u>

Summary of Notices Served.

No. of informal notices served	98
No. of informal notices complied with	128
No. of statutory notices served	2
No. of statutory notices complied with	2

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 - 1932.

No. of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation	32
No. of houses, the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers under Public Health or Housing Acts	58
No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to:-	
(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
(b) the making of demolition or closing orders	3

	<u>No. of visits</u>
No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	2
No. of Demolition Orders made	1
No. of Closing Orders made	2
No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	Nil
No. of houses demolished	46
No. of Closing Orders under Section 27(2) of the Housing Act, 1957, determined	Nil

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Food Premises.

Number of food premises in the area by type of business is as follows:-

Butchers	27
Canteens	22
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers & Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	12
Grocers & Confectioners	116
Restaurants & Cafes	28
Bakehouses	10

Meat and Other Food Inspection

Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1961	8	296	768	441	84	3221	1606	6424
1962	-	54	286	146	2	1013	802	2303
1963	-	70	194	145	1	629	506	1545

Total weight of meat condemned

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	-	8	3	10
Mutton	-	-	2	14
Pork	-	-	3	16
Veal	-	-	-	-
Offal	-	19	3	9
Total	1	10	-	21

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered at each of the  
Private Slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street	-	70	17	143	1	422	179	832
Co-op. Society, Ltd., Moor Street.	-	-	177	2	-	207	327	713

Weight of meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	470	70	-	100	549
Co-op. Society	520	-	-	-	1672
	990	70	-	100	2221

Other Foods Condemned

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Foods	2	5	2	14	11
Other Foods	-	2	-	4	-
	2	7	2	18	11



Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole.

	Cattle Ex. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	215	194	1	629	506
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	2	-	2	2
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	44	114	-	34	73
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis -					
1961	23.21	57.81	7.14	15.52	21.23
1962	14.00	40.90	-	8.29	27.3
1963	20.46	59.79	-	5.72	14.82
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	3
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis -					
1961	.13	-	-	-	1.18
1962	.5	.35	-	-	.125
1963	Nil	Nil	-	-	0.595
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	8	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	2	-	-	-



Generalised and totally condemned					
Percentage affected with Cysticercosis - 1961	0.57	1.17			
1962	.5	4.54			
1963	Nil	4.12			

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non-Agricultural				(5) Agricultural
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	37	5969	1043	7049	87
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification.	2	63	33	98	-
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	39	19	58	-
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	2	22	12	36	-
Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act	34	196	341	571	74
Number of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	30	72	188	280	59
Ship Rat Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
House Mouse Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	-	13	106	119	13
Number of infested properties.	31	140	316	489	72

Factory Act, 1961.

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sects.1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not includ- ed in (i) in which Section 7 is enfor- ced by the Local Authority	158	60	3	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excl.out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	158	60	3	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found -

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of clean- liness (S.1)					
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conven- iences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1			1	
(b) Unsuitable or defec- tive	12	105		4	
(c) Not separ- ate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not inc. offe- nces relating to outwork)					
Total	13	105		5	





